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INVENTOR: Akihiro KOIKE et al. | DOCKET NO.: 4780
APPLICATION NO.: 10/509,196 | CONFIRM. NO.: 8023
FILING DATE: September 24, 2004 | ART UNIT: 3723
TITLE OF INVENTION: | EXAMINER: S. L. MCDONALD
Diamond Blade

MS AMENDMENT
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May 5, 2006

Dear Sir:

- 1) For filing in the above application, we are enclosing:
Response (8 pages) to the Office Action of February 9, 2006.
- 2) No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

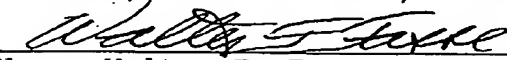
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 9, 2006, INCLUDING AN
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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